GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL GAS GRID
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has invited a US consultant to study and to provide technical assistance for setting up National Gas Grid, a network of cross-country gas pipelines linked to each other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any progress has been made in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (e): An agreement has been signed between the Governments of India and the United States of America through Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC), an organization of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, and United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) on June 30, 2006 to carry out a study on National Gas Grid in India. Under the agreement, USTDA shall provide financial assistance for the study, which shall be carried out by a suitable US contractor selected by PPAC. Proposals have been invited. Two proposals have been received, which are being evaluated.